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In Re Application of:

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For: MICROPOROUS FILTER MEMBRANE,)
METHOD OF MAKING MICROPOROUS)
FILTER MEMBRANE AND SEPARATOR)
EMPLOYING MICROPOROUS FILTER)
MEMBRANES

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir/Madam:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, as revised on February 4, 1992, 1135 OG 23-24, Applicant hereby calls the Examiner's attention to the document listed on the attached form, which document may be material to the examination of this application.

No inference should be drawn that any apparatus or method disclosed is equivalent to the subject invention.

The citation of this document is not to be construed as an assertion that more pertinent art could not possibly be in existence. Citation of any document herein is not to be construed as an admission that any subject matter disclosed in the document is necessarily within the inventive field of endeavor.

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Applicant also respectfully reserves the right to later set forth how the instant invention is distinguished over the disclosure of any document or other art, including the disclosure of the documents discussed herein, that may be cited by the Examiner in rejecting a claim in the instant patent application.

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However, if it is determined that a fee is required please charge Deposit Account No. 50/1039.

Respectfully submitted,

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